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CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0087

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: Unknown Subject – Pressure of EPA Ethics Officials Regarding Administrator Pruitt’s Condo Rental

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Washington, DC	N/A

ALLEGATIONS:

On April 9, 2018, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics and addressed to Minoli. Pursuant to this memorandum, a case was opened to administratively investigate the following allegation: Were EPA Agency Ethics Officials improperly pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator Pruitt’s condominium rental.

FINDINGS:

OI interviewed potential victims, who stated that they did not feel pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator Pruitt’s condominium rental. OI reviewed records, which did not reveal any apparent, pressure-related communications placed on EPA Agency Ethics Officials regarding their opinions of the condominium rental.

DISPOSITION: Not supported. Closed.

The United States Attorney’s Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, declined prosecution of this investigation based upon the facts presented.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.